restructuring plan in order to give this job to specialized entities across the Indian airports;

(b) the progress in this regard and the number of companies which have shown interests in this venture; and

(c) how far this proposal would improve the safety of air operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) In terms of Chicago Convention, the managment of air space is the sovereign responsibility of the Central Government. In our country, this task has been assigned by the Government to Airports Authority of India (AAI). The Government are considering corporatisation of ANS services consisting of ATC and CNS Wings of AAI by creating a separate Government owned Corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary of AAI in the background of the following:

(i) Recent growth in Civil Aviation has underlined the need to improve ANS services by providing undivided attention.

(ii) A number of private and joint venture companies have entered airport infrastructure in the country. AAI is also an airport operator. In case the ANS remains within the exclusive domain of AAI, there could be conflict of interests with other operators.

(iii) International trend is towards corporatisation of ANS Services. Accordingly, AAI have engaged a Consultant to advise in the matter. The report of the Consultant is awaited and no final decision has been taken.

Development of airports by M/s GMR

1869. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to close Begumpet Airport at Hyderabad in view of opening of new Greenfield airport at Shamshabad by M/s GMR-led consortium;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the capital investment made by Airports Authority of India (AAI) in Begumpet Airport during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether M/s GMR, presently operating Delhi Airport, have objected to the proposed new airport at NOIDA and sought compensation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Government of India (GoI) has entered into a Concession Agreement (CA) with M/s Hyderabad International Airport Limited (HIAL) for construction and development of a new international airport at Shamshabad near Hyderabad. In the CA, the GoI has agreed to close commercial operations at the existing Begumpet airport once the new airport becomes operational. However, the existing Begumpet airport would continue to remain operational for general aviation, defence purposes, national emergencies etc.

(c) Amount of investment made by AAI at the Begumpet Airport during the last three years was 2004-05—Rs. 19.24 crores, 2005-06—Rs. 22.86 crores and 2006-07—Rs. 8.78 crores.

(d) and (e) M/s GMR-led consortium of Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has pointed out that as per the Airport Infrastructure Policy, 1997, no Greenfield airport is to be allowed within an aerial distance of 150 Km. of an existing airport unless the existing airport is unable to meet the projected requirements of traffic. DIAL has prepared a Master Plan for the development of Indira Gandhi International Airport to cater to a demand of 100 million passengers in a phased manner till 2026. The Master Plan takes into account the catchment area in and around Delhi including Greater Noida which is within the 150 Km. radius.

Airport infrastructure in Kerala

1870. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to improve the infrastructure facilities at the airports in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) have undertaken various development works at Trivandrum and Calicut International airports. At Trivandrum International Airport, AAI have taken up development works like construction of state-of-the-art Integrated Terminal Building Complex with all modern amenities and facilities etc. at an estimated cost of Rs. 245.58 crores.

At Calicut International Airport, AAI have taken up extension & modification of International and domestic Terminal Buildings and associated works, expansion of apron and strengthening of runway including profile correction for operation of B-747-400 type of aircraft etc. at an estimated cost of Rs. 117.07 crores.

Upgradation of Rajkot airport

1871. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:
SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India (AAI) is to acquire land from railway authority for the purpose of upgradation of Rajkot airport;

(b) whether the railway authority has agreed to give land to the AAI and by when will the land be transferred from railway authority;

(c) whether it is also a fact that AAI has prepared the development plan of Rs. 60 crores for upgradation of Rajkot airport; and